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MASS SCHEDULE

St. John the Baptist Church

Saturday..... 6:00 p.m.
(on 2nd and 4th)
Sunday 9:30 a.m.
(on 1st, 3rd, and 5th)
First Friday8:00 a.m. followed by Holy Hour

Ascension of Our Lord Church

Saturday..... 6:00 p.m.
(on 1st, 3rd, and 5th)
Sunday 9:30 a.m.
(on 2nd and 4th)

MARRIAGES

Consult the Pastor six (6) months in advance before making any plans or decisions.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our parish family. Please stop by the Rectory or call to register.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the rectory.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday Evening—5:30 p.m.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION)

Dana Daughtry 713-822-3019-cell or 979-562-2381
EWTN-Cable Channel 71 or Dish Channel 261
Direct TV Channel 370 **RADIO:** 99.9 FM & 94.3 FM

WEBSITES

Cemetery: www.victoriadiocese.org
(Click on “Catholic Cemeteries”)
Safe Environment: www.victoriadiocese.org
(Click on “Safe Environment Program,” then on “eAppsDB”)

PARISH CONTACTS

St. John the Baptist Church

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Ascension of Our Lord Church

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HALL RENTAL

St. John the Baptist Church

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Ascension of Our Lord Church

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Ascension of Our Lord Church

Kathy Guenther979-562-2124
..... 979-562-2328 (work)
.....979-743-0369 (cell)

MASS SCHEDULE

Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday	April 30	6:00 p.m.	Clarence & Evelyn Haas & Larry Kocich	Moravia
Sunday	May 1	9:30 a.m.	Ross, Diane & Devan Goldberg	St. John
<u>First Friday</u>	May 6	8:00 a.m. – Followed by Holy Hour – For Rain		St. John

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	May 7	6:00 p.m.	Henry & Julia Olsovsky & Rebecca Patterson	Moravia
Sunday	May 8	9:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased Mothers	Moravia

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	May 14	6:00 p.m.	Estelle Valicek	St. John
Sunday	May 15	9:30 a.m.	Gladys Besetzny	St. John

May 1: Third Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Jesus appears to seven of his disciples, among them Peter who proclaims his unfailing love for the Lord. Jesus commissions him to feed the sheep. Later, in the face of persecution, Peter and the apostles proclaim the name of Jesus, the Lamb who was slain and who rescues us from death.

May 8: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Know that Jesus is the Lord, the Lamb on the throne who will shepherd his flock and give them eternal life. In his name, Paul and Barnabas proclaim the word of God to Jew and Gentile alike.

May 15: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

At the conclusion of their missionary journey, Paul and Barnabas tell the Antioch community all that the Lord had accomplished in their preaching the kingdom of God. This kingdom, to be marked by our love for each other, will reach its fulfillment in new heavens and a new earth.

Ministry Schedule has been made. If there is a change, you will be notified.

The Mass is live-streamed at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Facebook. The link for the Mass is: <https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartCatholicChurchHallettsville> and also broadcast on the Radio Stations FM 99.9 & FM 94.3 on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

❖ **AMONG OUR SICK** – Please pray for Tim Shimek, nursing home residents & the homebound.

Memorial – Ascension of Our Lord Cemetery Fund: In memory of Robert and Angeline (Tupa) Winkler by Kathy Winkler, Sandy Winkler Machemehl and Chris Winkler -\$150

<u>DONATIONS NEEDED</u> – Donations are being accepted for the “small” raffle for the St. John Picnic. Please contact Ann McBride 979-561-6261 or Theresa Eckhardt 979-743-4435.

ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANERS FOR MAY: Mary Ann Pratka, Jeanette Chudej

ASCENSION CHURCH USHERS FOR MAY: Daniel Steffek, Dale Janak

ST. JOHN CHURCH USHERS FOR MAY: Harvey Hermis, Ralph Besetzny

<h3>ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE</h3>

Saturday, April 30 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Brant Redman, Dillon Goedrich
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Sunday, May 1 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Alaina Halata, William Halata
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Saturday, May 7 – 6:00 p.m. – Moravia – Dylan Orsak, Kullen Kutac

Sunday, May 8 – 9:30 a.m. – Moravia – Mary Beth Krischke, Bryce Machicek
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Saturday, May 14 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John – Brant Redman, Dillon Goedrich

Sunday, May 15 – 9:30 a.m. – St. John – Trent Sevcik, Layne Sevcik
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From the Desk of Msgr. John

We are doing a survey for the Catholic Church in general. Some parishes are having meetings to discuss the Catholic Church and people's viewpoints. It was decided to do the survey to involve more people in this process.

Your input will be shared with Bishop Brendan Cahill. He will in turn forward our responses to the Holy Father in Rome in preparation for the final stage of the Synod process which culminates with a gathering of all the Bishops of the world in October 2023.

You can put your name on the survey or remain anonymous. This is more about the Catholic Church in general rather than just a particular parish. Thank you for sharing your thoughts.

The Synod is a journey towards allowing each one to express their experience, sentiments and thoughts. The voice of the Church is composed of many different voices and the Synod is a time of grace where the unified and coherent message is diversity and plurality. This is why we need your voice as well.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Pray the Rosary!! – As the month of May arrives on the calendar, it is an annual time to celebrate new life throughout nature.

It is also a time to celebrate the life and dignity of each and every person – from those in the womb to those at the end of this life on earth. We know that this celebration is an all-year-long proposition. But during the month of May, our focus on new life can be drawn into even clearer focus as we celebrate mothers – especially the Blessed Mother, who loves and protects all of us as her children.

We invite you to join EWTN this month in praying the rosary for the unborn and those most vulnerable, for a society that so often fails to recognize the innate worth of every person is a society that needs both prayer and faithful witness. *[Michael Warsaw, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, from May 2022 EWTN Family Newsletter]*

Roast and Toast Honoring Monsignor John Peters

The Emmaus Counseling Center's Roast and Toast fundraiser is Friday, May 6

Make plans to attend an unforgettable evening which will include dinner and drinks, a live auction, a silent auction and lots more fun!

Individual tickets are now on sale. For tickets, sponsorship tables, silent auction information and to reserve your table, go to <https://emmauscounselingcenter.com/roast-and-toast>.

The Ascension of Our Lord and St. John the Baptist Families
Extends Heartfelt Congratulations to

Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters

On the 48th Anniversary
Of His Ordination to the Priesthood
April 26, 1974

May God continue to bless and strengthen him in his ministry.
We are grateful for his guidance, presence and love.

The ***MORAVIA ALTAR SOCIETY*** meeting will be held Monday, May 2, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Moravia Parish Dining Hall. Ladies, please make plans to attend!

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY – will host the Annual Spring Brunch on May 1 at the St. John Rectory after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Members, please bring food; juice, water and coffee will be provided. Everyone is invited. Dues will be collected. For more information, please call Ann at 979-561-6261 or Peggy at 979-562-2246.

ADORATION CHAPEL – Adorers are needed at the Sacred Heart Perpetual Adoration Chapel on Wednesday at 7:00 a.m. and at 2:00 p.m. and at 10:00 p.m. Contact Charlene Bradbury at 361-798-3224 if you are interested in either time.

VOLUNTEERS – are needed to help with the **Masses** at the Hallettsville nursing homes on Monday and Thursday mornings. Please call Anita Migl 361-798-4589 if you can help on either day.

BETHLEHEM MATERNITY HOME – needs **volunteers** desperately! A workshop to help discern a calling to this ministry will be Tues., May 10, 6:00-7:30 p.m. (place to be decided). RSVP or with questions - Barbara McCain Williams 361-649-1612 or barbaramwilliams85@gmail.com.

CDA #797 – A big thank you to Anita Steffek and all participating who made the annual bake sale a success. **Craft Day** – Monday, May 2, 1-5:00 p.m. in the Family Center will include making rosaries and discussing the May Banquet and Bunco.

BLOOD DRIVE – will be hosted by Sacred Heart School Mon., May 9 from 10:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center. Donors must be at least 17 years old and in good health. Donors who are 16 years old must bring a permission form signed by their parents. Please bring a photo ID. Appointments can be made online. Walk-ins are welcome.

FEATHEROCK CONFERENCE CENTER in Schulenburg - the final Spring Evening of Recollection for ladies will be Thursday, May 12 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

AREA EVENTS

- **Holy Rosary, Hostyn** – Mayfest, Sunday, May 1, Czech hymns in church 9:30 a.m., Polka Mass 10:00 a.m. BBQ Pork & Sausage Dinner \$12 from 11:00-1:00 p.m. Drive-thru 11:00-12:30. Hamburgers after 3:00 p.m. Auctions, Music, Bingo, Country Store, Cake & Plant Wheels
- **Holy Family, Victoria** – Festival, Sunday, May 1 in the Activity Center. Dine-in only Smoked Pork, German potatoes & green beans \$12; hamburgers \$6; Auction 1:00 p.m. Raffle, Games

FRIED CHICKEN SUPPER – Home cooked by the Sacred Heart Booster Club: 3 pieces fried chicken, giblet rice, corn, green beans - \$12, Wed., May 4, 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the KC Hall. Tickets available at Sacred Heart School or Rectory, Hoffers Drive-In or Sacred Heart Credit Union.

GRIEF MINISTRY – for parents who have lost children: monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the parish hall of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 108 S. 6th St., Ganado. For more information contact Pat Hoelscher 979-257-9984 or phoelscher@victoriadiocese.org.

HEALING MISSION – at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Victoria, TX on May 9-11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church with Paul Rymniak. For information call the church office at 361-575-3813.

2022 Moravia Easter Flower Donations

Donor

Gail Zambie
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David & Dorothy Young
Henrietta Filip
Dolores Krause
Phil & Kathy Guenther
Allan & Arlene Becan
Glen & Sophie Cernik
Barbara Haas
Gayle Kocich
Jimmie & Sylvia Steffek
Thomas & Rose Ann Brosh
Arlene Holmes
Derik & Colleen Kubenka
Dorothy Olsovsky
Dennis & Barbara Janak

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Evelyn Barcak
Marvin and Franklin Filip
Marvin Filip, Franklin Filip, Henry, Mary, John, Jr. and
Leon Young and Mildred Brown
Franklin Filip, Leroy Rehak, Sr., Joe & Vlasta Holik and
Marvin Filip
Julius Krause
L. A. & Vera Wenglar
Arthur & Thelma Spies, Ann Spies and Al Becan
Rosie Cernik and Georgie Mae Cernik
Clarence & Evelyn Haas and Larry Kocich
Larry Kocich, Clarence & Evelyn Haas
Joe & Janie Tupa Family
Marvin Filip, Andrew, Sr. & Evelyn Brosh & Franklin Filip
Holmes, Konvicka, Hughes & Barborak Families
Charlie & Loraine Deem, Frank V. & RoseLee Henke &
Roy Kalisek
Albert, Timothy & Mark Olsovsky & Bethany Simon
Hydrangeas in memory of Hrcir & Janak Families

MEET AND GREET the Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist – 12-2:00 p.m., Sun., May 15 in the Sacred Heart Cafeteria. Come meet and learn about their mission. For more information go to www.sistersofmary.org. Contact Janet Spies at 512-461-3236 with questions.

ALL ALUMNI REUNION – for the Sacred Heart Catholic School will be Saturday, July 23, 2022 at the K.C. Hall from 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Memorial Mass at 4:00 followed by social (open bar), dinner & dance. Tickets \$30 per adult. Tables can be reserved for a class reunion. For info contact David Smolik at 361-772-5463 or davidasmolik@gmail.com.

Next Bulletin: Sunday, May 15, 2022

All announcements can be sent by email to the Rectory at rectory@shcatholicchurch.org or can be called in to the Rectory to 361-798-5888.
Any announcements after the due date and time, will be published in the next bulletin, if applicable.
Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2022

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May 2022

Sacred Heart, St. Mary, St. John and Ascension Churches

Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Your turn

No parish can do the work of the Church without support from parishioners. For example, parishioners may bring Communion to the sick or infirm, clean the church, staff parish ministries, teach faith formation and give money to keep church facilities operating. It is this vital participation that brings the heart of Jesus to His people. Ask your pastor what your parish needs from you.

Sunday reminder

The Church requires that Catholics participate in Mass on Sunday and other holy days of obligation. It's the best way we regularly encounter Christ. We are also to abstain from work on Sunday that could interfere with the attention and worship due to God. God wants us to rest on Sunday to gather strength for the week ahead.

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor"

(Romans 12:9-10)



Virtues are the antidotes to sin

Virtues are good moral habits that shape our hearts to be like God's. They help us habitually do what is good. As the building blocks for Christian moral living, virtues help to counter sin. For example:

Humility: This virtue is the antidote to pride. Humility helps us to recognize that God is worthy of our worship and obedience. Rather than focusing on ourselves, humility helps us to be willing to focus on God, live according to His ways. Ideas for practicing this virtue include always taking the less important position, drawing attention to others rather than ourselves, learning to love simple things.

Forgiveness: The sin of anger is

defined as an uncontrolled feeling of hatred and wrath. Indulging in anger causes us to hold onto hateful feelings for others. The antidote is forgiveness.

When offended by someone, forgive quickly and work to heal the relationship. Refrain from gossip and avoid criticizing unless you can offer reasonable and useful solutions.

Gratitude and generosity go hand-in-hand. They remind us God is the source of all good, and that

everything good we have is a gift to be enjoyed and shared. Stop the "compare-despair" cycle of envy and greed. Limit your time on social media and impulse shopping. Name something you appreciate daily, or find a way to show kindness each day.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics call the Eucharist the "Real Presence?"

At the Last Supper, Jesus said, "This is my body...this is the cup of my blood" (Matthew 26:26-28) over the bread and wine, and so it was. He commanded His Apostles, and the priests after them, to do the same at every Mass (*Catechism of*

the Catholic Church, #1375).

When we receive Communion, we're literally heart-to-Heart with Jesus. The details are a mystery, but that doesn't stop Jesus from coming to us, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist.

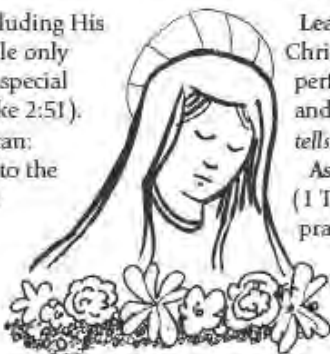


“Behold your mother” (John 19:27)

On the Cross, Jesus gave us everything, including His mother to be our mother (John 19:27). While only God is worthy of worship, Mary is accorded special honor in imitation of Jesus’ love for her (Luke 2:51).

To demonstrate honor and love for her, we can:

Call her “Mom.” When we are baptized into the Church, Mary becomes our mother by grace (CCC #967), and we can address her with confidence and affection as her children. Mary wants the best for us. She always leads us to her Son by the quickest and safest route.



Learn from her. Want to know how to follow Christ faithfully – daily? Mary was the first – and the perfect – Christian. She continually trusted God and followed His will, and tells us, “Do whatever he tells you” (John 2:5).

Ask her for prayers. Christ is the one Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5). However, she also receives our prayers for others. Because she is His mother and the Queen of Heaven, Mary’s prayers are powerful. She will keep praying for us until we are in Heaven.

from Scripture

Luke 24:46-53, Our mission from God

This passage is Luke’s version of the Ascension when Jesus ascends to His Father in Heaven. Jesus gave his disciples a mission before entering Heaven. First, He reminded them that His suffering, death, and Resurrection were part of God’s plan. These events, called the Paschal Mystery, are so important we recall them at every Mass.

Then, Jesus sent His disciples out to call others to repentance and discipleship. Having heard about Christ’s suffering, death and Resurrection for their salvation, the next logical step would be to repent



– literally, to “go beyond their usual way of thinking.” People were and are invited to reconcile with God by the forgiveness of their sins through the Sacraments.

Jesus died for everyone, but not everyone knew about it. The mission of His first followers was to tell everyone how God saved them and to offer them, in Christ’s name, a way forward: repentance and forgiveness. If we know Christ, His sacrifice, His love, and the eternal life He offers us, we are commanded to tell others, whether by word, deed, or living example.

Q What is the feast of & our Lady of Loreto?

A In 2019, Pope Francis set aside a day specially devoted to Our



Lady of Loreto. Loreto, Italy, is believed to be where the house in which Mary grew up is located. According to tradition, angels carried the house from Israel to Italy in the thirteenth century when the Holy Land was under attack. Whether angels really transported the house, or a devout, wealthy family paid to have it moved, scientific findings have verified that the house itself is not from thirteenth-century Italy. The architectural style, construction, and the pollen granules found in the mortar are not characteristic of thirteen-century Italy, but of first-century Palestine.

We are not required to believe in the miraculous transportation of the House of Loreto, but the significance of this devotion still applies. We are reminded of her universal motherhood (John 19:27). We’re encouraged to ask her intercession for families today, and to remember the importance of the family in God’s saving plan.

Feasts & Celebrations

May 12 – St. Pancras (c. 304). Orphaned at an early age, he was brought by an uncle to Rome and, inspired by Christians, they converted. Both were beheaded for refusing to sacrifice to idols during the reign of Emperor Diocletian. St. Pancras was only fourteen years old.

May 14 – St. Matthias (1st century). When the apostles met to choose Judas’ successor, Peter said that the new Apostle must have followed Jesus from his baptism to his Ascension and

witnessed his Resurrection. St. Matthias was chosen by lots to fill Judas’ place.

May 22 – St. Rita of Cascia (1457). Unwillingly married off to a cruel husband at the age of twelve, St. Rita spent eighteen unhappy years before being widowed. After her sons died of illness, she became an Augustinian nun. She was known for her devotion to prayer and charity.

May 29 – Ascension of the Lord. This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus’ mission of salvation and His triumphant entry into Heaven.



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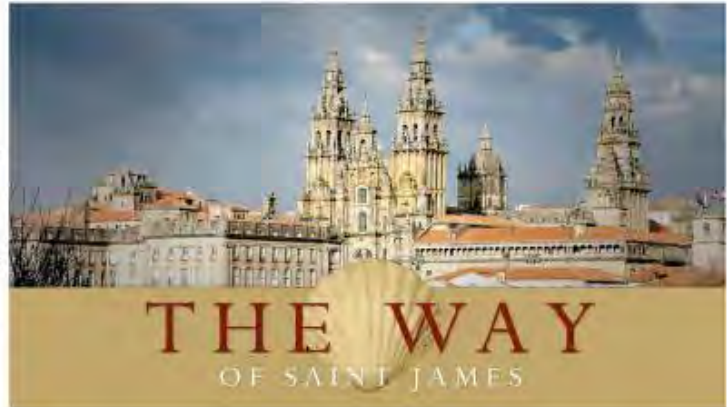
(Unless noted Bible quotes and references are from the Revised Standard Version and the New American Bible - Revised.)

May 1, 2022

WATCH

THE WAY OF ST. JAMES

This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith but are united in their journey across the Camino de Santiago. Each of them is traveling toward the shrine of St. James the Apostle, whose feast day we celebrate this week.



The ACTS OF THE APOSTLES



ACTS OF THE APOSTLES WITH MARK HART

The feast day of Saints Philip and James reminds us of the impact that the Apostles made on the whole world. With Philip, James, and all the Apostles in mind, join Mark Hart in this refresher on the Book of Acts.

LEARN

LISTEN

REACHING OUT TO TODAY'S CULTURE BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Saints Philip and James each lived extraordinary lives of missionary zeal. In this insightful talk, Bishop Barron shares his advice on how to live similar lives of mission within a culture dominated by media and misconceptions about faith.



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